

Application No.: 10/019,927  
Amendment Dated: April 20, 2009  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/019,927  
Applicant: Masazumi Yamada et al.  
Filed: May 1, 2002  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE CONNECTION  
STATE OF DEVICES CONNECTED TO A BUS (AS AMENDED)  
T.C./A.U.: 2111  
Examiner: Thomas J. Cleary  
Confirmation No.: 8653  
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**AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated **December 23, 2008**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheets.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page 13 of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page 18 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.